



Australian Government

POLSAR011 Conclude police search and rescue operations

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the POL Police Training Package
Release 5.0

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to conclude and report the outcomes of search and rescue (SAR) operations, including reviewing activities and communicating with stakeholders.

This unit applies to police officers undertaking police SAR coordination duties.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to, particularly those related to resource procurement, stakeholder and family liaison and work health and safety (WHS).

Those undertaking this unit would work within multi-agency teams and often liaise with stakeholders. They would make decisions independently while giving consideration to financial and human resource management requirements. They would perform complex tasks in a range of contexts either in the field or within police station/office environments.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Search and rescue

Unit Sector

Not applicable.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential Performance criteria describe the performance needed to

outcomes.

demonstrate achievement of the element.

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| 1 Conclude SAR operation | 1.1 Determine when to conclude SAR operation based on medical advice, expiry of timeframe of survival or no likelihood of locating target

1.2 Review SAR activities in accordance with legislative and investigative requirements

1.3 Liaise with family prior to concluding SAR operation to maintain transparency

1.4 Consult with stakeholders prior to concluding operation to communicate intention to conclude SAR operation

1.5 Coordinate recall/stand down of assets in accordance with resource requirements

1.6 Ensure all assets are accounted for and prepared for redeployment

1.7 Review outcomes of operation through debrief of SAR members |
| 2 Report outcomes of SAR operation | 2.1 Record critical decisions for accountability and transparency purposes

2.2 Collate information/log for SAR records

2.3 Prepare jurisdictional reports for dissemination in accordance with reporting requirements |

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the POL Police Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to POLSTAR010 Conclude police search and rescue operation.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides can be found on VETNet - -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=98c3984e-2cf1-48a8-8ed1-85e4b92e7351>

Assessment Requirements for POLSAR011 Conclude police search and rescue operations

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Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least one occasion and include:

- concluding search and rescue (SAR) operation
- evaluating conduct of SAR operation
- recalling and accounting for assets
- communicating with stakeholders
- documenting outcomes of SAR operation.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of:

- Commonwealth, national, state and territory legislation and arrangements relating to the conclusion of SAR operation
- jurisdictional policies and procedures relating to the conclusion of SAR operations
- jurisdictional reporting requirements for SAR operations
- jurisdictional policies and procedures relating to administration of SAR operation
- recovery searches
- incident scene management
- process for and requirements of coronial investigations
- jurisdictional re-supply guidelines
- judicial processes
- national manual relating to SAR.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must hold credentials specified within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must satisfy the Principles of Assessment and Rules of Evidence and all regulatory requirements included within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, such as in situations that can affect safety or occur only rarely, assessment can occur in simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or other simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) currently used in industry
- applicable documentation, including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

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